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Mr. Barry Breen
Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator
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Dear Mr. Breen:

I am writing to express my support for the former Naval Air Station (NAS) Glenview's transformation to The Glen to receive the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) first annual "National Federal Facility Excellence in Site Reuse Award."

The Glen is the name given to the development of the 1,121 acres that was formerly the Naval Air Station Glenview, which closed in 1995. The Glen is comprised of homes, offices, shopping centers, a museum, a commuter train station and significant outdoor space that includes a lake, soccer fields, walking and biking trails, and golf courses. In addition, the Glen includes a Post Office, Police Station, Fire Station, public safety training academy, and Attea Middle School.

The eastern portion of The Glen is in my Congressional District and includes Gallery Park and Lake Glenview. This 142-acre park fulfills the Village of Glenview's interest in having a significant amount of open space within the mixed-use redevelopment of the property. Gallery Park is the largest community park in Glenview and the area includes the Glenview Park District's Park Center and School District 34's Attea Middle School and playfields.

Lake Glenview is a central feature of the park. Originally part of the Glenview NAS's runways and aprons, this space was completely transformed. Today, runways are nowhere to be found - the center of the park includes wetlands, open water, and several small islands. The lake and surrounding wetlands attract and support a diverse wildlife population. People enjoy fishing on the lake, and utilize the running/walking/biking paths that surround it. Two years ago, the Park District moved the annual 4th of July fireworks show to Gallery Park, which more than doubles the space available for residents and parking. The Park Center Triathlon organized by the Glenview Park District has been held at Gallery Park for 16 years and running with the next one taking place on August 5, 2018. This sprint triathlon is a community favorite for many first-time triathletes, drawing

Glenview residents and people from surrounding communities. Lake Glenview is, importantly, also part of the large storm water drainage system for Glenview and has 100-year flood protection for this portion of the community.

Successfully remediating, redeveloping and rejuvenating this land in a way that benefits the Glenview community required productive partnerships and collaboration between the Village of Glenview, Glenview Park District, School District 34, and Metra, a community railroad in the Chicago metropolitan area, in addition to other stakeholders. The presence of Attea Middle School and the Park Center on this land has provided numerous well-paying jobs for area residents, in addition to enhancing the park as a community hub.

While Gallery Park and Lake Glenview are a major component of The Glen, there are additional components that have also integrated smoothly into the village. Village revenues have been significantly boosted by two million square feet of office and retail space including The Glen Town Center, a large commercial and retail development that serves as an alternate "downtown" area for residents to congregate. There are also 2,200 units of housing on the site.

With its open space, residential, and commercial areas, The Glen has enhanced the quality of life for people living and working in the area. I am grateful for the instrumental partnership between the Village of Glenview and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency which helped to make this successful reuse and redevelopment possible.

I understand that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has submitted a formal nomination to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for The Glen to receive this award, and I believe that NAS Glenview's transformation to The Glen deserves recognition for its successful integration into Glenview's municipal space. Thousands of my constituents enjoy this wonderful space year-round.

In keeping with all applicable rules and regulations, I urge you to give NAS Glenview's transformation into The Glen full and fair consideration for selection as the first awardee of the National Federal Facility Excellence in Site Reuse Award. I am proud to have a significant portion of The Glen in my congressional district and know firsthand the benefits this reuse project has provided to my constituents. Please contact my Suburban Director Ann Limjoco at (847) 328-3409 or ann.limjoco@mail.house.gov if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jan Schakowsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jan" being more prominent and the last name "Schakowsky" written in a continuous script.

Jan Schakowsky
Member of Congress